AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-11, 13 and 14 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying a server that is one of a plurality of servers from a client terminal having a browser, a memory device and a processor, said plurality of servers ~~server~~ and said client terminal being connectable with each other via a communications network, comprising the steps of:

a) transmitting a first request packet from said browser to one of said ~~server~~ plurality of servers for requesting identity of an intended server maintaining a shared data file;

b) receiving the first request packet at said one server and transmitting therefrom server specific information to said browser, indicating the identity of the intended server ~~a server in which shared data file is maintained~~;

c) receiving said server specific information at said browser and invoking said processor to hand over the received information to the processor;

d) transmitting a second request packet from the processor ~~to a server specified by the received server specific information~~ containing the identity of said intended server to said network for requesting downloading of said shared data file, whereby the second request packet is automatically routed through the network to the intended server;

e) receiving the second request packet at the intended ~~specified~~ server and downloading ~~transmitting therefrom said~~ the requested shared data file from the intended server to said processor, and storing the downloaded ~~transmitted~~ shared data file in said memory device; and

f) transmitting a third request packet from said processor to the intended ~~specified~~ server for requesting differential data, and transmitting therefrom to said processor differential

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data representing a difference between a said shared data file currently maintained by the

intended ~~specified~~ server and the shared data file that was <u>downloaded</u> ~~transmitted~~ in step (e)

from the <u>intended</u> ~~specified~~ server to said processor.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said network includes a

cache memory, and wherein said second request packet contains an identifier identifying said

shared data file, said identifier being determined for each access from said processor to said

<u>intended</u> server so that the shared data file identified by said identifier does not coincide with

data stored in said cache memory.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying a server <u>that is one of a plurality</u>

<u>of servers</u> from a client terminal having a browser, a memory device and a processor, said

<u>plurality of servers</u> ~~server~~ and said client terminal being connectable with each other via a

communications network, comprising the steps of:

a) transmitting a first request packet from said browser to <u>one of</u> said ~~server~~

<u>plurality of servers for requesting identity of an intended server maintaining a shared data file</u>;

b) receiving the first request packet at said <u>one</u> server and transmitting therefrom

server specific information to said browser, indicating <u>the identity of the intended server</u> ~~a~~

~~server in which shared data file is maintained~~;

c) receiving said server specific information at said browser and storing the received

information; d) invoking the processor and transmitting a second request packet therefrom to

a server specified by the stored server specific information;

d) invoking the processor and transmitting a second request packet therefrom

<u>containing the stored identity of said intended server to said network for requesting</u>

<u>downloading of said shared data file, whereby the second request packet is automatically</u>

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routed through the network to the intended server ~~to a server specified by the stored server specific information~~;

e) receiving the second request packet at the intended ~~specified~~ server and downloading ~~transmitting therefrom said~~ the requested shared data file from the intended server to said processor, and storing the downloaded ~~transmitted~~ shared data file in said memory device; and

f) transmitting a third request packet from said processor to the intended ~~specified~~ server for requesting differential data, and transmitting therefrom to said processor differential data representing a difference between a said shared data file currently maintained by the intended ~~specified~~ server and the shared data file that was downloaded ~~transmitted~~ in step (e) from the intended ~~specified~~ server to said processor.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said network includes a cache memory, and wherein said second request packet contains an identifier identifying said shared data file, said identifier being determined for each access from said processor to said intended server so that the shared data file identified by said identifier does not coincide with data stored in said cache memory.

7. (Currently Amended) A client-server system comprising:

a communications network;

a plurality of servers ~~server~~ connected to the network; and

a client terminal connected to the network, the client terminal having a processor, a memory device and a browser, the browser transmitting a first request packet to one of said ~~server~~ plurality of servers for requesting identity of a server that maintains a shared data file;

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said one of said servers server being responsive to said first request packet for transmitting [[a]] server specific information to said browser for indicating the identity of an intended [[a]] server in which shared data file is maintained,

said browser being responsive to said server specific information for invoking said processor to hand over the received information thereto,

said processor being responsive to the received information for transmitting a second request packet containing the identity of the intended server to said network for requesting downloading of the shared data file, whereby the second request packet is automatically routed through the network to said intended server to a server specified by the received information and being configured to store the a said shared data file when the same is downloaded from said intended specified server in said memory device and transmit a third request packet to the intended specified server for requesting differential data, and

the intended specified server being responsive to the second request packet for downloading transmitting a said shared data file to said processor and being responsive to said third request packet for transmitting to the processor differential data representing a difference between a said shared data file currently maintained by the intended specified server and the shared data file that was downloaded transmitted in response to said second request packet.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) The client-server system of claim 7, wherein said network includes a cache memory, and wherein said second request packet contains an identifier identifying said shared data file, wherein said processor is configured to determine said identifier for each access from the processor to said intended server so that the shared data file identified by said identifier does not coincide with data stored in said cache memory.

10.   (Currently Amended) The client-server system of claim 7, wherein said intended server is configured to receive server specific information from another server of the network and transmits the received server specific information to said browser.

11.   (Currently Amended) A client-server system comprising:

a communications network;

a plurality of servers server connected to the network; and

a client terminal connected to the network, the client terminal having a processor, a memory device and a browser, the browser transmitting a first request packet to one of said server plurality of servers for requesting identity of an intended server that maintains a shared data file;

said one of said servers server being responsive to said first request packet for transmitting a server specific information to said browser for indicating the identity of the intended a server in which shared data file is maintained,

said browser receiving said server specific information and storing the received information and invoking said processor,

said processor reading the stored information and transmitting a second request packet containing the identity of said intended server to said network for requesting downloading of said shared file, whereby the second request packet is automatically routed through the network to the intended server to a server specified by the stored information and being configured to store the a said shared data file when the same is downloaded from said specified server in said memory device and transmit a third request packet to the specified server for requesting differential data, and

the intended ~~specified~~ server being responsive to the second request packet for downloading ~~transmitting a said~~ the requested shared data file to said processor and being responsive to said third request packet for transmitting to the processor differential data representing a difference between a said shared data file maintained by the intended ~~specified~~ server and the shared data file that was downloaded ~~transmitted~~ in response to said second request packet.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) The client-server system of claim 11, wherein said network includes a cache memory, and wherein said second request packet contains an identifier identifying said shared data file, wherein said processor is configured to determine said identifier for each access from the processor to said intended server so that the shared data file identified by said identifier does not coincide with data stored in said cache memory.

14. (Currently Amended) The client-server system of claim 11, wherein said intended server is configured to receive server specific information from another server of the network and transmits the received server specific information to said browser.